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Sir:

In the Advisory Action dated January 28, 2004, the Examiner indicated that the claim amendments filed on January 6, 2004 may have raised the issue of "new matter". In response to that assertion, attached hereto is a table showing the support in the application, as originally filed, for all of the limitations added to the claims by the previous amendment. This table clearly shows that every added limitation is well supported by the original specification.

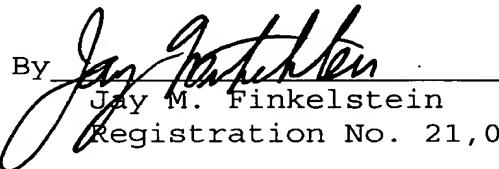
An action on the merits of the amended claims is requested.

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If the above amendment should not now place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call undersigned counsel to resolve any remaining issues.

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Amended claims	drawing	specification
18. (currently amended) A communication network comprising at least three nodes interconnected by at least two distinct communication links		
<u>and control means for controlling operation of each node, wherein:</u>	Figures 4, 5, 7, 9-11; element 47	Page 9, lines 7-13
<u>at least a first one of said nodes has first and second line couplers and signal transfer means controlled by said control means for controlling transfer of data to and from each of said line couplers;</u>	Figures 4, 5, 7, 9-11; elements 42, 43 and 44	Page 8, lines 17-27; page 9, lines 12-19; page 9, line 23- page 10, line 16
<u>each of said line couplers is coupled to another one of said nodes by a respective one of said communication links; and</u>	Figures 4-11; links 61	Page 10, lines 17-22
<u>said control means are operative for controlling said signal transfer means of at least said first one of said nodes to establish a selected one of a plurality of operating modes, including:</u>	Figure 12	Page 9, lines 12-13; page 15, lines 4-11
<u>a data generating mode in which data is generated in said first one of said nodes and transferred to only a selected one of said line couplers;</u>	Figures 9 and 12	page 13, lines 9-18
<u>and a repeating mode in which only data received at one of said line couplers is repeated without format change to the other one of said line couplers.</u>	Figures 5a, 5b and 12	page 9, line 25 to page 10, line 3

19. (currently amended) The network as in claim 18, wherein <u>another one of said operating modes</u> is a receiving mode wherein <u>said first one of</u> said nodes receives data in one or more communication links.	Figures 10 and 12;	page 16, lines 1-3
25. (currently amended) The network as in claim 18, wherein <u>said control means</u> is operative for selecting <u>the operating mode</u> of <u>said first one of said</u> nodes via signals transported by the network.		Page 14, lines 7-10
28. (currently amended)) The network as in claim 18, wherein at least <u>said first one of said nodes comprises</u> , for repeating data received via one communication link, a repeater connected between <u>said first and second line couplers</u> , said repeater being controllable to repeat data in a selected direction between <u>said first and second line couplers</u> .	Figures 5, 10 and 12	Page 9, line 23 to page 10, line 6